

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 43, 51, 52, and 54-61 will be pending in the application. Claims 43 and 56 are amended herein. Claims 1-42, 44-50, 53 and 62-66 are cancelled herein.

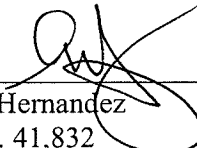
The Examiner stated the subject matter of claim 53 was allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 53 is dependent upon claim 43 and has no intervening claims. Applicant has amended base claim 43 to include the limitation of claim 53 rendering the claim and all its dependents (specifically, claims 51, 52, and 54-61) allowable. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested

The above is believed to be a complete response. In view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicants believe that all claims are now in condition for allowance and ask that these pending claims be allowed. The foregoing comments made with respect to the positions taken by the Examiner are not to be construed as acquiescence with outer positions of the Examiner that have not been explicitly contested. Accordingly, the arguments for patentability of a claim should not be construed as implying that there are not other valid reasons for patentability of that claim or other claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to resolve any remaining issues and/or informalities and expedite prosecution of this case.

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